

## Adult Summer Reading Suggestions

1. **Killing Pablo** [DB052308](#)
  - Chronicles the crimes of Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar, his Medellín cocaine cartel, and his influence on his country. Describes Escobar's imprisonment, escape, enemies, and the American involvement with death squads that sought revenge. Violence and strong language.
2. **An Uninterrupted View of the Sky** [DB089286](#)
  - Bolivia, 1999. When their father is unjustly arrested and their mother abandons them, seventeen-year-old Francisco and his eight-year-old sister, Pilar, must move to the dirty, dehumanizing, and corrupt prison to live with their father.
3. **Brazil on the Move** [DB035597](#)
  - An American writer describes the political, economic, and social changes he observed in Brazil as a visitor there over the years from 1948 to 1962. In his travel log, Dos Passos, fluent in Portuguese, observes the people and the landscape. He includes a detailed account of the development of Brasilia and the road-building program designed to unify the country.
4. **Thirty-Three Men** [DB073380](#)
  - Franklin, an American reporter stationed in South America for fifteen years, investigates the August 5, 2010, copper-mine explosion in northern Chile that trapped thirty-three men underground for ten weeks. Describes the miners' ordeal and highlights the rescue attempt that brought them to the surface.
5. **Way Around: Finding My Mother and Myself among the Yanomami** [DB084111](#)
  - Man recounts his trips in 2011 and 2013 to reconnect with his mother and her remote tribe, the Yanomami, in the Amazon rainforest after not seeing her for twenty years. Describes a sense of disconnect with his upbringing in the United States, his relationship with his father, and his Yanomami family.
6. **River of Painted Birds** [DBC02834](#)
  - Married at fifteen, Isabel Keating accidentally kills her abusive husband and is forced to flee 18th century Ireland disguised as a man. She boards the Bonaventure, a ship bound for America, only to discover, she is not on her way north to Boston, as she had intended, but south to Uruguay in the Spanish colonies. They join forces with the ship's owner and an unconventional priest making choices that will not only effect their own lives but the future of Uruguay.
7. **The News from Paraguay** [DB059770](#)
  - Paris, 1854. Francisco Lopez, Paraguay's future dictator, falls in love with Irish courtesan Ella Lynch. Following him to South America, Ella embraces her lover's doomed imperialistic dreams, but remains a stranger in a foreign land.
8. **The Last Days of the Incas** [DB067382](#)
  - Chronicles the sixteenth-century Spanish conquest of Peru. Describes the arrival of conquistador Francisco Pizarro, the sacking of the Inca capital, the capture of the last Inca emperor, and the end of native resistance. Discusses twentieth-century archaeological discoveries and efforts to reconstruct Inca history.
9. **The Ministry of Special Cases** [DBC01374](#)
  - Nathan Englander's first novel about fathers and sons set in Buenos Aires during Argentina's Dirty War.
10. **The Farm on the River of Emeralds** [DB016698](#)
  - With a semiliterate black Ecuadorian friend middle-age former Peace Corps volunteer buys a tract of land in Ecuador and farms it on the principles of racial equality and fair pay. Describes his tribulations with the climate and insects and his relations with his often suspicious neighbors and his farmhands.